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Dear [redacted]

[redacted] was grateful for the fragmentary Dimitrov speech enclosed with your letter of 13 February. Although it reaches us three weeks late and shot with holes, it is about the best thing we have had recently on Bulgaria. The monitor who labored over it can feel that his efforts were well worth while.

For future guidance, and with full understanding of staff and reception difficulties, we think it worth restating that when the wire room asks for text on a thing like this it would be better to give us immediately text excerpts of intelligible portions with the remainder filled in by summary and near-text than to delay a week in order to get every possible word. And for the same reasons it would be better, if lengthy excerpts could be made immediately available, to disregard cable wordage limitations than to resort to airmail, or if editorial and typist staff are a limiting factor to curtail drastically routine coverage of other affairs.

You yourself are of course fully aware of these principles, and in this instance the handling you gave the speech may have been the only one possible; but this restatement may serve to point up to your staff the speed requirement at this end and the desirability of not following too blindly the instructions of the wire room when it does not have all the information on which to base a decision.

Regards,

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Chief, Field Division

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